

# Georgia Department of Transportation

## 2013 Legislative Session Update April 17, 2013



# 2013 Session Calendar

- **January 14<sup>th</sup>:** General Assembly Convened
- **March 7<sup>th</sup>:** Crossover Day
- **April 28<sup>th</sup>:** Sine Die
- **May 7<sup>th</sup>:** Deadline for Governor's Signature or Veto
- Session spanned 54 calendar days (not including weekends).

# GDOT Legislation

- Approved by the Legislative Committee and GDOT Board in December 2012.
- Housekeeping legislation (congressional balancing and value engineering) was introduced as H.B. 202 by Representative Bubber Epps.
- Design-Build legislation was introduced as S.B. 70 by Senator Steve Gooch.



# **H.B. 202**

## **Housekeeping Legislation**

### ***Summary***

- Raises the minimum trigger for mandatory value engineering studies from \$10M to \$50M and exempts Design-Build and P3 projects. (conforms to changes in MAP-21)
- Exempts interstate projects from congressional balancing and exempts freight corridor projects if proposed by the Planning Director and approved by the GDOT Board.

# **H.B. 202**

## **Housekeeping Legislation**

### ***Timeline***

- **February 4<sup>th</sup> (Day 10)**—introduced in House.
- **February 8<sup>th</sup> (Day 14)**—passed by substitute the House Transportation Committee unanimously.
- **February 14<sup>th</sup> (Day 19)**—passed the full House (163 to 0).
- **February 28<sup>th</sup> (Day 28)**—passed by substitute the Senate Transportation Committee unanimously.
- **March 11<sup>th</sup> (Day 31)**—passed the full Senate (48 to 3).
- **March 14<sup>th</sup> (Day 34)**—agreed to by the full House (160 to 1).
- **April 1<sup>st</sup>**—sent to Governor.

# **S.B. 70**

## **Design-Build “Best Value”**

### ***Summary***

- Amends the design-build statute to allow for 2-phased “best value” procurements that can weigh both bid price and technical/qualitative considerations (e.g. delivery time, greater cost/benefit) and creates a streamlined 1-phase low-bid process.
- Final rules will be approved by the GDOT Board.



# **S.B. 70**

## **Design-Build “Best Value”**

### ***Timeline***

- **January 28<sup>th</sup> (Day 5)**—introduced in Senate.
- **February 20<sup>th</sup> (Day 20)**—passed the Senate Transportation Committee unanimously.
- **February 25<sup>th</sup> (Day 23)**—passed the full Senate (51 to 0).
- **March 12<sup>th</sup> (Day 32)**—passed the House Transportation Committee unanimously.
- **March 22<sup>nd</sup> (Day 37)**—passed the full House (157 to 2).
- **April 3<sup>rd</sup>**—sent to Governor.

# Other Legislation

## *Highlights*

- **S.B. 218 (Sen. Gooch)**—modifies the annual emergency tow permits created by the General Assembly last year for single axle and tandem axle weight limits.
- **H.B. 407 (Rep. Powell)**—conforms state law to MAP-21 requirements for second DUI offenses. It requires a second offender to drive with an ignition interlock device for one year (current law is six months).
- **H.B. 211 (Rep. Benton)**—exempts school systems from the motor fuel excise tax from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2015 for school buses. (\$5M per year)
- **H.B. 371 (Rep. Harbin)**—subjects liquefied natural gas, when used as a motor fuel, to the motor fuel tax.
- **H.B. 142 (Speaker Ralston)**—imposes \$75 cap and prohibits certain expenditures.
- **Road Dedication Resolutions.**





***“You and I come by road or rail, but  
economists travel on infrastructure.”***

**-Margaret Thatcher**



# Questions